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## VIA ECF & REGULAR MAIL

Honorable Nicholas G. Garaufis United States District Court Judge Eastern District New York 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, NY 11201

RE: UNITED STATES v. SALVATORE VOLPE Docket No.: 11-CR-256 (CBA)

Dear Honorable Sir:

Respectfully, pursuant to the direction of Chief Judge Amon's chambers, please accept this letter as an additional application, pursuant to Rule 50.3 of the Rules of this Court for the Division of Business Among District Judges and Administrative Order 2008-04, seeking to relate the above captioned criminal case to previously filed indictments in either <u>United States v. Basciano</u>, 05-CR-60 (NGG) or <u>United States v. Bana</u>, 09-CR-672 (NGG) and to transfer the instant Docket to your Honor.

Attached hereto is a copy of the previously filed letter to Chief Judge Amon requesting this relief and the rationale for such request. The letter reflects, as well that I have conferred with AUSA Nicole Argentieri concerning the instant request and she joins in the application to relate and transfer the instant case.

Upon the above, a clear showing has been established of grounds for relating the instant case to either the <u>Basciano</u> or <u>Bana</u> cases. Respectfully, therefore, on Mr. Volpe's

behalf we request that your Honor confer with Chief Judge Amon and that, thereafter, an Order issue transferring the instant Docket to you Honor for sentencing and all other purposes.

Thank you for your consideration and courtesy herein.

Respectfully,

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cc: Chief Judge Amon
 (Via ECF and Regular Mail)

AUSA Nicole Argentieri, Esq. (Via ECF and email Nicole.Argentieri@usdoj.gov)

October 18, 2011

## VIA ECF & REGULAR MAIL

Honorable Carol B. Amon Chief United States District Court Judge Eastern District New York 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, NY 11201

RE: UNITED STATES v. SALVATORE VOLPE Docket No.: 11-CR-256 (CBA)

Dear Honorable Madam:

Respectfully, please accept this letter as an application, pursuant to Rule 50.3 of the Rules of this Court for the Division of Business Among District Judges and Administrative Order 2008-04, seeking to relate the above captioned criminal case to previously filed indictments in either <u>United States v. Basciano</u>, 05-CR-60 (NGG) or <u>United States v. Bana</u>, 09-CR-672 (NGG) and to transfer the instant Docket to the Honorable Nicholas G. Garaufis.

As your Honor is aware, Mr. Volpe has entered a plea of guilty in the instant case and because of his cooperation with the Government in the <u>Basciano</u> and <u>Bana</u> cases his sentence is presently adjourned without date. Your Honor may not, however, be aware that Mr. Volpe testified in the trial of the <u>Basciano</u> case over a two day period contributing to a conviction. Moreover, his cooperation has been a factor with respect to the entry of guilty pleas by, and sentencing issues relating to, many of the fifteen Defendants in the Bana case.

Judge Garaufis, who has been presiding over the <a href="Basciano">Basciano</a> and <a href="Basciano">Bano</a> cases, thus, has had an opportunity to become completely familiar with Mr. Volpe and his cooperation, as well as to actually observe the extent and quality of his testimony and the danger in which he has placed himself by his cooperation. Obviously, these are important factors which will be required to be considered, pursuant to 18 U.S.C Section 3553(a), at the time the Defendant is sentenced.

Clearly, the knowledge already gleaned by Judge Garaufis relating to Mr. Volpe will result in substantial savings of judicial resources when it comes time to sentence the Defendant in the instant case. Moreover, in light of the fact that Judge Garaufis is already intimately familiar with Mr. Volpe, his testimony and cooperation, the ends of justice and fair administration would be served by him imposing sentence in this case.

I have conferred with AUSA Nicole Argentieri concerning the instant request and she joins in the application to relate and transfer the instant case.

Upon the above, a clear showing has been established of grounds for relating the instant case to either the <u>Basciano</u> or <u>Bana</u> cases. Respectfully, therefore, on Mr. Volpe's behalf we request that the instant Docket be transferred to Judge Garaufis for sentencing and all other purposes.

Thank you for your consideration and courtesy herein.

Respectfully,

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cc: AUSA Nicole Argentieri, Esq.
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